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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 25, 2002**. Scattered rain showers continued to slow crop harvest and decrease hay quality. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	99	97	97	98	1	3	18	52	26
	Mature	87	71	70	83					
	Harvested	28	14	26	44					
	Silage Harvested	90	82	91	81					
Cotton	Open Bolls	40	27	39	49	0	2	12	57	29
Rice	Mature	45	26	51	32	0	2	11	59	28
	Harvested	2	--	9	6					
Sorghum	Turning Color	99	94	99	94	0	2	12	62	24
	Mature	68	53	69	64					
	Harvested	15	7	20	28					
	Silage Harvested	45	31	55	44					
Soybeans	Setting Pods	99	97	100	96	0	3	17	52	28
	Turning Color	43	34	49	45					
	Shedding Leaves	28	20	33	28					
	Harvested	8	3	6	5					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	4	--	12	10	3	14	33	43	7
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	86	84	80	80	0	5	25	53	17
Cattle						1	5	24	60	10
Pasture						3	7	25	55	10

County Agent Comments

“Corn is maturing rapidly. Soybeans and cotton have benefitted from the recent rains. Producers are getting equipment ready for the harvest season.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Pastures continue to grow from the rain. Some cotton has been sprayed for bollworm for the second time. Corn harvest is just around the corner.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Worms are feeding on ornamental more with crops starting to dry down. Sweetpotato harvest is moving ahead, but yields are down due to small root size. The cool weather this spring stunted early growth. Later plantings should improve.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw County

“Corn harvest has been under way for about 3 weeks. Yields look very promising at this point. Rain continues to interfere with hay harvest.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin County

“Scattered light rains continue to replenish soil moisture. Fall armyworm pressure in pastures is decreasing. Beef and dairy producers are deep plowing land in preparation for planting of ryegrass/cool season forages but most will delay planting until armyworm pressure ceases. Harvest of summer grass hay continues with quantity being better than earlier in the spring/summer but quality is less than desired due to rain delays of harvest and hay getting wet while being cured.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

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Weather Summary from August 19, 2002 to August 25, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	93	70	82	80	+2	0.35	-0.19	1	6.17	85	77	82	0.24
Cleveland				80		0.50 E	+0.16	1	3.84 E				
Tunica				79		0.00	-0.51	0	8.77				0.15
Extreme/Average	93	70	82	80	+2	0.28	-0.34	1	6.26	85	77	82	0.18
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				77		0.83	+0.10	2	3.75				0.17
Memphis	95	71	83	81	+2	2.00	+1.37	3	6.74				
Oxford	94	68	82	78	+4	0.89	+0.12	2	4.19				
Extreme/Average	95	68	83	79	+4	1.24	+0.54	2	4.89				0.17
3. Northeast													
Booneville				78		0.13 E	-0.64	2	1.66 E				
Corinth				79		0.85 E	+0.15	3	2.87 E				
Iuka	94	63	79	76	+3	0.87	+0.03	2	4.07				
Pontotoc	92	67	81	79	+2	0.08	-0.62	3	2.03	96	76	87	0.21
Tupelo	95	67	82	79	+3	0.09	-0.51	1	1.45				
Verona	96	67	83	79	+4	1.40	+0.50	2	2.43	95	80	88	0.31
Extreme/Average	96	63	81	79	+2	0.57	-0.11	2	2.42	96	76	87	0.26
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				80		0.00	-0.59	0	2.04				
Rolling Fork				80		0.00	-0.56	0	1.99				0.27
Stoneville	98	71	84	80	+4	0.68	+0.26	1	2.59	100	79	90	0.25
Yazoo City	94	72	83	81	+2	0.05	-0.65	1	3.21				
Extreme/Average	98	71	84	80	+4	0.18	-0.38	1	2.46	100	79	90	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage				80		0.71	-0.06	2	2.68				
Greenwood	95	70	82	81	+1	0.43	-0.07	1	1.49				
Jackson	94	71	82	81	+1	0.99	+0.22	4	8.11				
Winona				76		0.60	-0.08	2	2.69				
Extreme/Average	95	70	82	79	+3	0.68	-0.04	2	3.74				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.09	-0.68	1	0.73				
Columbus				80		0.65	-0.17	3	1.83				
State University				79		0.02	-0.68	1	3.00				0.18
Extreme/Average				79		0.25	-0.45	2	1.85				0.18
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs				81		0.03	-0.81	1	2.14				
Natchez				81		0.40 E	-0.51	2	6.32 E				
Oakley	96	71	83	80	+3	1.27	+0.43	4	7.70	92	72	84	
Vicksburg	95	73	84			0.05		2	1.66				
Extreme/Average	96	71	84	80	+4	0.44	-0.42	2	4.46	92	72	84	
8. South-Central													
Columbia				81		0.49	-0.49	1	4.44				
McComb	92	72	81	81	0	1.54	+0.41	4	11.36				
Extreme/Average	92	72	81	80	+1	1.02	-0.03	3	7.90				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	97	70	83			0.13		2	3.20				
Hattiesburg	96	69	82	81	+1	0.14	-0.91	1	5.52				
Laurel	94	69	82	80	+2	0.77	-0.12	2	2.08				
Meridian	97	67	81	81	0	1.50	+0.83	5	2.63				
Newton				79		1.22	+0.39	5	3.03				0.22
Extreme/Average	97	67	82	80	+2	0.75	-0.16	3	3.29				0.22
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis				81		0.90 E	-0.41	2	7.99 E				
Biloxi AFB	91	72	82			5.70		4	10.38				
Gulfport				82		2.24	+0.97	3	9.33				
Pascagoula	93	70	81			3.94		4	12.63				
Poplarville	96	69	82	81	+1	0.65	-0.40	2	3.60	92	75	83	0.44
Extreme/Average	96	69	82	81	+1	2.69	+1.29	3	8.79	92	75	83	0.44
State	98	63	82	80	+2	0.77	-0.04	2	4.39	100	72	85	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.